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Department of Transportation

PROJECT BUSINESS MATTERS
Reimbursement Time Extension
Action Item

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WAIVER REQUEST – CTC RESOLUTION G-00-20
CTC STIP GUIDELINES
SECTION 65 – TIMELY USE OF FUNDS

LOCAL STREETS AND ROADS PROJECTS
WAIVER-01-15

ISSUE

Resolution G-00-20, *STIP Guidelines*, adopted by the California Transportation Commission (Commission) on July 19, 2000, stipulates that funds programmed for all components of local grant projects are available for expenditure only until the end of the second fiscal year after allocation.

The five projects listed on the attachment were allocated in Fiscal Year 1998/99 with a June 30, 2001 expenditure deadline. The implementing agencies are requesting extensions per Resolution G-00-20. The regional transportation planning agencies concur.

RECOMMENDATION

The Department's recommendations are shown on the attachment.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

The CTC allocated \$1,310,000 in FY 1998-1999 for the projects listed on the attachment. The allocated funds have not been expended. The attachment shows the details of each project and the delays that have resulted in the extension requests.

**Time Extension – Expenditure Deadline
Item 2.8d – Local Street and Road Projects
With Expenditure Deadlines of 6/30/01**

Proj. #	Extension Request (# of months)	Applicant/ Project/ PPNO	Allocation Date and Phase	Amount Allocated (thousands)	Local Agency Reason for Delay	Local Agency Extension Request	Caltrans Recommended Extension Date
1	20	Merced County PPNO 5951 Campus Parkway New Arterial Roadway	9/21/98 E&P	\$ 250	The extremely complex nature of coordinating the project with a multitude of agencies and interest groups has caused delays in the environmental process. The project is further complicated as a result of confusion concerning the independent utility of the Campus Parkway project from the UC Merced project. A significant amount of time and resources have been spent over the last year preparing information requested by the resource agencies (EPA, Corps of Engineers, US Fish & Wildlife) over this issue. The current schedule for this project shows that environmental clearance in the form of a record of decision will not occur until September 2003, which is after the potential extended deadline for this phase. The County is requesting the maximum extension for the expenditure deadline.	2/28/03	Neutral
			2/17/99 E&P	\$ 50			
2	7	Siskiyou County PPNO 2031 Reconstruct Roadway Near Grenada on County Road A- 12 from I-5 to 9.2 mi. east	8/28/98 E&P	\$ 60	The County has experienced unforeseen delays during the NEPA discovery process due to wetlands, biological and cultural resource issues. An extension for allocation of the right of way and construction funds was approved at the May 2000 CTC meeting; however, due to the extent of the environmental concerns, the County is in the process of requesting a STIP amendment to reduce the scope of work from reconstruction to rehabilitation. Consequently, environmental work will not be completed and funds will not be expended by the current deadline and a 7-month extension is needed.	1/30/02	1/30/02
			8/28/98 PS&E	\$ 300			

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3	20	City of Redding PPNO 2036 Parkview Bridge	6/2/98 E&P	\$ 156	These projects were combined with other projects into a single consultant contract. The other projects experienced difficulty with the combination of funds (STIP & HBRR) with differing processes and timelines. Environmental processing time has been quite lengthy. Many different agencies (FHWA, Army Corp of Engineers, State Lands Commission, California Dept. of Fish & Game, and the Regional Water Quality Control Board) are still reviewing the environmental portion of the project. In this particular case, there is a major river crossing with Chinook salmon, steelhead, bank swallows, raptors, valley elderberry, longhorn beetle, wetlands, riparian habitat, tree removal, air quality, and hazardous materials involved. Not all of these issues could be foreseen at the time of programming and did not become apparent until the City requested proposals from consultants. Because of the complexity, the CEQA document has been upgraded from a mitigated negative declaration to a full EIR. These projects are vitally important to the City and an expenditure extension is necessary in order to complete the environmental process and proceed with the project.	2/28/03	Neutral
4		PPNO 2037 Cypress Bridge Widening, Phase A	6/2/98 E&P	\$ 10			
			6/2/98 PS&E	\$ 242			
5		PPNO 2038 Cypress Bridge Approach Widening, Phase B	6/2/98 E&P	\$ 10			
			6/2/98 PS&E	\$ 232			
			All were allocated 6/2/98 pending July 98 STIP adoption				